(b) and (c) The Hon'ble Prime Minister called upon the Council to focus on the twin issues of development and security rather than function as a fund-disbursing body, mechanically allocating Plan funds to the North Eastern States. He desired that the income levels of the rural families be substantially enhanced by harnessing the vast potential of the Region in the fields of agriculture, including horticulture, medicinal and aromatic herbs and bamboo, water resources, wind-power resources, minerals etc. He expressed the hope that NEC would adopt a regional approach in its planning and work in close association with the States and the Planning Commission. He was happy that the NEC Chairman was getting an Action Plan made out for formulating a Vision Document with a 15 year perspective — Vision Document 2020. NEC must take full advantage of *Look East Policy* of the Government. ASEAN Markets provide big opportunities for NER.

Allocation for NER

4033. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the budgetary allocation for DONER during the current financial year for the North-Eastern Region particularly for Nagaland for enhancement of the communication facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government to increase the budget allocation for economic development of the region?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) The budgetary allocation for the Ministry of DONER is for the North Eastern Region as a whole and not State-wise. This allocation as proposed in the Budget 2005-06 is as follows:

(Rs. in crore)

Plan Schemes	BE 2005-06 allocations
Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR)	585.00*
North Eastern Council (NEC)	461.50*
North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Limited (NEDFCL)	22.33
Advocacy	5.00

Plan Schemes	BE 2005-06 allocations
Capacity Building	12.40
Sikkim Mining Corporation (SMC)	0.00
Central Capital Investment Scheme**	0.01
Central Interest Subsidy Scheme**	0.01
TOTAL:	1086.25*

*excludes the Loan component

**Schemes transferred to M/o DONER by Planning Commission on 15.2.2005

(Rs. in crore)

Non-Plan	BE 2005-06 provisions
NEC Establishment	5.67
M/o DONER's Establishment	3.25
Loan to North Eastern Handlooms and Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited (NEHHDC)	3.56
TOTAL:	12.48

(c) The Ministry of DONER had taken up with the Ministry of Finance and the Planning Commission at the higest level for increasing the budgetary allocation.

NEC roads

4034. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the NEC roads that have been completed last year, running as yet and not yet undertaken for works though sanctioned;

(b) the number of roads that are to be sanctioned during 2005-06; and

(c) whether the norms of linking more than two States by an NEC road would be changed for Tripura, as it is encirculed by Bangladesh?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) Six road projects were completed during the year 2004-05. List of these roads is in the Statement-I *(See below)*. List of on-going road projects is in the Statement-II *(See below)*.